



VENTURA WATER™

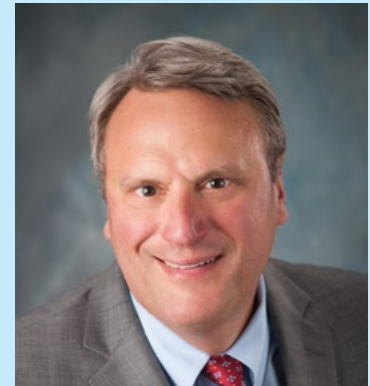
Trusted life source for generations



The 6th Annual Water: Take 1 Film Festival presents water-themed short films that showcase critical water issues as well as community efforts in water conservation, resource management, and sustainability. Through the medium of film, Water: Take 1 brings together a community of people who make a difference to put a focus on educating and activating sustainable water solutions!

In 2018, Water: Take 1 aims to highlight the outstanding efforts and innovation of individuals, businesses, and non-profits. This year instead of asking for film submissions, Water: Take 1 will feature short films that tell the story of innovative leaders who inspire collaboration and bring awareness to the essential life source of water. This year, prestigious honorees include: Ventura Resident Jim Ackerman with the Community Member Award, Ventura Land Trust with the Community Organization Award, and The Wyland Foundation with the National Foundation Award.

Join us
Thursday
March 22, 2018
6:00 pm for
Drinks & Appetizers
Ventura Beach Club
281 East Main St.
Ventura, CA 93001



Dear Valued Customer -

You may be surprised to know that Ventura is one of the largest cities in California that relies exclusively on local water supplies. All of Ventura's water sources depend on local rainfall for replenishment. For our current water year (October 2017-September 2018), the City of Ventura has only received 1.25" of rain, leaving Lake Casitas at 34.6 percent capacity!

Currently, the City of Ventura remains in a Stage 3 Water Shortage Event. We are asking our customers to continue on the path of conservation as we enter what is looking like another dry year. Ventura Water staff publishes an annual Comprehensive Water Resources Report that evaluates available water supply and demand for the City. Understanding and monitoring our local water supply is essential to planning and managing a stable and reliable water system to support our community both now and into the future.

RSVP Here

Space is limited at this free event.

Thank you to our Sponsors

A generous portion of our Sponsor contributions will go to support those impacted by the Thomas Fire.



Frank Herrera, Electrical-Mechanical Maintenance Worker

The stories of the people who work to deliver and protect Ventura’s water.

1.) Describe your job.

I fix and maintain electrical components throughout the wastewater process. I also ensure that all pumps and lift stations are working properly. I keep the co-gen unit onsite operational.

2.) What do you like best about your job?

There is never a dull moment, there are always new challenges and problems that need to be solved.

3.) How did you get into the water industry?

Prior to working for Ventura Water I was working as an industrial contractor and that required a lot of travel away from home, as well as instability for future jobs. I wanted to find a career

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Ventura Water offers a number of tools to help our customers meet the 20 percent conservation goal. Be sure to visit Ventura Water’s rebate and incentive page at www.venturwater.net to learn more about free and useful water-wise programs. If you are looking for more guidance, consider scheduling an onsite water efficiency survey with a Ventura Water conservation specialist.

Thank you for partnering with Ventura Water to preserve our local water resources!

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown,
Ventura Water General Manager



where I could use my industrial skills I had learned while being more stable and closer to home.

4.) What is something unique about yourself?

I am a very kindhearted person and am always willing to help others when they are in need. I enjoy acting as a trainer/mentor to those who show interest and passion in beginning their career.

5.) What is your favorite hobby?

I enjoy riding motorcycles and restoring vehicles in my spare time.

Thomas Fire Billing Adjustment

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, City Council directed Ventura Water staff to implement a process to provide adjustments for qualifying customers who experienced irregularly high water usage during the Thomas Fire.

A billing adjustment form is available for residents located within the Thomas Fire Mandatory Evacuation Area who had increased water usage through the November 2017 – January 2018 billing period.

Qualifying customers will receive a credit on a future bill for any usage their account was billed for beyond the premises' billing average for the previous twelve billing cycles. (i.e., the premises' 2-year billing average)

To see if you qualify and to submit an adjustment application click [here](#).

For questions contact Ventura Water's Customer Care at 805-667-6500.



Ventura Water wins Collection System of the Year and Community Engagement and Outreach Project of the Year

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LANDSCAPING**



**USE RECYCLED
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Ventura Water was awarded California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) Tri-Counties Section's Community Engagement Project of the Year and Collection System of the Year (Medium System).

The Ventura Water collection system crew works diligently to maintain over 300 miles of sewer line that conveys an average of 7.5 million gallons a day (MGD) of wastewater to the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility. Crew members have an aggressive cleaning and maintenance schedule and have continued to meet rigorous performance standards. Ventura Water has been awarded the 2017 Collection System of the Year for the extraordinary effort by each collection crew member.

Ventura Water was awarded the Community Engagement and Outreach Project of the Year for its partnership with the MERITO Foundation, a local-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing meaningful watershed experiences to multicultural youths. During the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 500 students, parents and educators visited the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility for a day of hands-on science-based learning. Through this field experience, students were exposed to careers in water science and the many roles and responsibilities necessary to sustain a safe and healthy environment.



Upcoming Gardening Classes

RSVP [here](#) or to view the full schedule click [here](#).

March 3: March Mulch Madness ~ Ventura residents are invited to collect FREE mulch and compost, **9 a.m. - 12 noon**. (100 gallon limit, bring your own bag.) Enjoy a free workshop on the fundamentals of composting from **10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Location: Community Park at 901 S. Kimball Road

April 7: Smart Controller Workshop ~ Looking for an easy way to save water? Come fill out an application and schedule a time to replace your sprinkler/drip controller! Industry experts will be here to answer questions and train customers. Bring your recent water bill and a photo of your existing controller(s). **10 a.m.**

Location: City of Ventura Maintenance Yard at 336 Sanjon Road



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